

CHAPTER 10

PUBLIC INFORMATION

CEQ regulations require an early and open process for identifying significant issues related to a proposed action and obtaining input from the public prior to making a decision that could significantly affect the environment. These regulations specify public involvement at various times during the development of an environmental statement. The public involvement process followed by USACE for this proposal included:

- Issuing a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare the draft Supplemental Final Environmental Statement (draft Supplemental FES);
- Undertaking the Intergovernmental and Interagency Coordination of Environmental Planning (IICEP) process and consulting with agencies, local government, and Native American tribes;
- Conducting a scoping comment period and holding a meeting; as well as
- Having a public comment period and meeting following the publication of the draft Supplemental Final Environmental Statement.

The NOI was published in the *Federal Register* on March 17, 1997. This served as the official notification of USACE's intent to conduct the environmental analyses for this proposal. Agency coordination and consultation in the form of IICEP began at this time as well. IICEP is a federally mandated process for informing and coordinating with other governmental agencies regarding proposed actions. Both NEPA and CEQ regulations require intergovernmental notification prior to making any detailed statement of environmental impacts. Through the IICEP process, concerned federal, state, and local agencies must be notified and allowed sufficient time to evaluate potential environmental impacts of a proposed action. IICEP letters were sent to over 20 government agencies, elected officials, and tribal representatives (Appendix A provides a list of these agencies and individuals) in Oklahoma and Arkansas. These letters outlined the proposed action and alternatives identified by USACE announced the scoping workshop, as well as provided a venue in which to respond to USACE's proposal.

Scoping Process. Publication of the NOI also marked the beginning of the scoping period. The scoping phase of the environmental analysis process provides opportunities for government agencies, interest groups, and the general public to learn about the proposed action and no-action alternative. The scoping process helped USACE identify alternative approaches for meeting the proposal's need and provides an avenue for public input into the resource analysis performed in the draft Supplemental FES.

A news release announcing the public information (scoping) workshop was sent to local newspaper in Poteau, OK and Ft. Smith, AR in September 1997. The public scoping meeting resulted in 3 comments, summarized in section 1.5.

USACE Tulsa also conducted IICEP consultation in 2001, at the initiation of the preparation of the Supplemental FES. Letters were sent out to agencies and interested parties and six responses were received. These responses are included in Appendix A. The Draft Supplemental FES will be distributed to the public and agency representatives in June 2002. It will be sent to individuals and locations on the attached mailing lists.

Wister Lake Supplemental EIS -- IICEP List

First Name	MI	Last Name	IICEP-State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) & Other Agencies and Organizations					City	State	Zip
		Title	Organization	Address						
Mr. Bobbye Phil	Jack	State Conservationist, NRCS	Agriculture Center Office Building	Farm Road and Brumley Street				Stillwater	OK	73074
Mr. Robert		Historic Preservation Officer	Bureau of Land Management	220 North Service Road				Moore	OK	73106-4980
The Honorable LaRue		Chairwoman	Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma	P.O. Box 487				Binger	OK	73009
The Honorable Chad		Chief	Cherokee Tribe	P.O. Box 487				Binger	OK	73009
The Honorable Gregory		Chief	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	220 NW Virginia Avenue				Bartlesville	OK	74003
The Honorable Perry		Chief	Muskogee (Creek) Nation	P.O. Drawer 1210				Durant	OK	74701
Mr. Don		Beaver	Office of Federal Assistance Mgmt.	P.O. Box 580				Oklmulgee	OK	74447
Ms. Sue		Woodward	Oklahoma Audubon Council	6601 Broadway Extension				Oklahoma City	OK	73116
Mr. Matt		Wetlands Program Coordinator	Oklahoma Conservation Commission	1728 Quaker				Tulsa	OK	74120
Mr. Mark		Director	Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality	2800 N. Lincoln Blvd., Suite 160				Oklahoma City	OK	73105
Margaret		Graham	Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality	1000 N.E. 10th Street				Oklahoma City	OK	73117-1212
Mr. Edward		Cook	Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation	P.O. Box 1677				Oklahoma City	OK	73106-1677
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Mr. Glen		Cheatham	Oklahoma Department of Transportation	2401 N. Lincoln, Suite 500				Oklahoma City	OK	73105
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Dave		Roberts	Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation	1801 N. Lincoln				Oklahoma City	OK	73105
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Mr. Bob		Blackburn	Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation	2704 Villa Prom, Shepard Mall				Oklahoma City	OK	73107
Ms. Caryn		Vaughn	Oklahoma Historical Society	111 East Chesapeake St.				Norman	OK	73109
Ms. Karin		Deitchweiler	Oklahoma Natural Heritage Inventory	312 Keith Street				Norman	OK	73069
Mr. Ron		NRCS, USDA-Agricultural Center	Oklahoma State University					Stillwater	OK	74074
Mr. Alan		Site	Oklahoma Trout Unlimited	705 East 7th Court				Sand Springs	OK	74063
Mr. Wayne	T.	Crane	Oklahoma Water Resources Board	3800 North Classen Blvd.				Oklahoma City	OK	73118
Mr. Mike		Mathis	Oklahoma Water Resources Board	3800 North Classen Blvd.				Oklahoma City	OK	73118
Mr. Derek		Smithies	Oklahoma Water Resources Board	3800 North Classen Blvd.				Oklahoma City	OK	73118
Ms. Margaret		Ruff	Oklahoma Wildlife Federation	3900 North Santa Fe				Oklahoma City	OK	73110
Don		Goforth	Potomac Valley Improvement Authority	Route 2, Box 110				Wister	OK	74966-9504
Mr. Pat		Searles	Potomac Valley Improvement Authority	Route 2, Box 110				Wister	OK	74966-9504
Mr. Michael	A.	Deidt	Southwestern Power Administration	P.O. Box 1619				Tulsa	OK	74101
Dr. Robert		Brooks	Oklahoma Archeological Survey	111 E. Chesapeake Street				Norman	OK	73109-0575
The Honorable Bill		Anotubby	The Chickasaw Nation	P.O. Box 1548				Ada	OK	74820
Mr. Bob		Portiss	Tulsa Port of Catoosa	5330 Cimarron Road				Catoosa	OK	74105-1650
Jerry		Brabander	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	222 S. Houston, Suite A				Tulsa	OK	74127
Mr. Frank		Yerby	U.S. Forest Service	P.O. Box 577				Talalima	OK	74571
Mr. Kathy		District Chief	U.S. Geological Survey	202 N.W. 66th				Oklahoma City	OK	73116
Mr. Don		Wycoff	University of Oklahoma	2401 Chautauqua				Norman	OK	73072
Ms. Jane	N.	Sigman	USEPA	1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200				Dallas	TX	75202
The Honorable Gary		McAdams	Wichita and Affiliated Tribes	P.O. Box 729				Anadarko	OK	73005
Ian		Butler		111 E. Chesapeake Street				Norman	OK	73109
Cdr.		Ramirez	United States Coast Guard	1222 Spruce St., Suite 8.104E				St. Louis	MO	63103
OTHER										
Mr. Glenn		Cheatham	Oklahoma Department of Transportation	P.O. Box 660				Tulsa	OK	74104-0060
Mayor		Southwestern Power Resources		3840 S. 103rd East Ave.				Tulsa	OK	74164
Mayor		City of Poteau, OK								
Mayor		City of Wister, OK								
		City of Heavener, OK								
		National Wildlife Federation								
		Assistant Secretary of Environment	Department of Energy	1412 16th Street, NW				Washington	DC	20036
		Mr. Eddie R. Crouse	Federal Energy Regulatory Comm.	1000 Indp. Avenue, SW				Washington	DC	20426
		Director of Floodplains Programs	801 Pennsylvania Ave., Se, Suite 400					Washington	DC	20036
		Director, Office of Federal Activities (2252)	US Environmental Protection Agency	401 M Street SW				Washington	DC	20460-0001
		Director, Advisory Council on Hist. Pres.	Old Post Office Building, #903	1100 Pennsylvania Ave, NW				Washington	DC	20004-2509
		Dir. Division of Environmental Analysis	Federal Energy Regulatory Comm.	400 First St. NW				Washington	DC	20426-0001
		Assoc. General Counsel	Federal Emergency Management Agency	500 C Street, SW				Washington	DC	20472-0001
		Dir. Office of Env. Policy	Federal Highway Administration	400 Seventh Street, SW				Washington	DC	20590-0001
		Dir. Office of Energy and Env. Impact	Federal Maritime Comm /	1100 L St. NW				Washington	DC	20571-0001
		Asst. Dir. Natural Resources & Environment	US Department of Agriculture	14th & Independence Ave., SW				Washington	DC	20250-0001
		Env. Policy	Rural Electrification Admin.	USDA, 14th st and Indp. Ave. SW				Washington	DC	20250-0001
		Ecology and Conserv. Division	U.S. Dept. of Commerce	14th and Constitution Ave., NW				Washington	DC	20230-0001
		Dir. Office of env. And Energy	U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev.	451 Seventh St. - SW				Washington	DC	20410-0001
		Dir. Office of Env. And Policy Review	U.S. Dept. of Interior	1849 C St. NW, Mail # 2340				Washington	DC	20240-0001
		Dep. Dir. For Env. And Policy Review	U.S. Dept. of Transp. #10309	400 7th Street, SW				Washington	DC	20590-0001

Wister Lake Supplemental EIS -- IICEP List

U.S., State, and Local Elected Officials										
Title	First Name	MI	Last Name	Organization	Address1		Address2	City	State	Zip
United States										
The Honorable	Don		Nickles	3310 Mid-Continent Tower			409 S. Boston	Tulsa	OK	74103-4007
The Honorable	James	M.	Inhofe	1924 S. Utica St., Suite 530				Tulsa	OK	74101-6511
Congressman	Wes		Watkins	1903 N. Boomer Rd.				Stillwater	OK	74075
State										
The Honorable	Larry	L.	Dickerson	Oklahoma State Senate			2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.	Oklahoma City	OK	73105-4808
Representative	Kenneth		Corn	Oklahoma State House of Representatives			2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.	Oklahoma City	OK	73105
Local										
City of Wister				Wister City Hall			101 Highland	Wister	OK	74966
LeFlore County Commissioner							100 S. Broadway St.	Poteau	OK	74953
City of Poteau				Poteau City Hall			111 Peters St.	Poteau	OK	74953

<i>Wister Lake Supplemental EIS - Repositories</i>				
<i>Title</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
Wister Branch Library	100 Highland	Wister	OK	74966
Buckley Public Library	408 Dewey Avenue	Poteau	OK	74953
Carl Albert Junior College	Library	Poteau	OK	74953